



Meeting Minutes #6- Spokane Health Equity Task Force

Date: February 15, 2024

Time: 10 am PT

Location: Zoom

Present:

- Todd Holloway
- Christopher Barnes
- Karsyn Hanson
- Aerius Franklin
- Susan Giovanini

Meeting Facilitators:

- Christina Alfaro
- Denise Grimm (Dee)
- Robin Albrandt

Executive Summary:

- Attendees included representatives from the Spokane Regional Health District, the Center for Independence in Washington State, Inland Hospital in Spokane, and Spokane County Emergency Management among others.
- Concern was raised about the results of a recent task force survey, with only 9 responses received, none of which were from BIPOC, Hispanic, or English as a second language communities.
- The task force identified a lack of representation in the healthcare direct services field.
- The task force plans to increase participation and representation through continued outreach efforts.
- Two community surveys will be conducted, one targeting community providers and the other aimed at clients, to identify service delivery and system process gaps.
- The task force emphasized the importance of improving representation of different groups in the community.
- Difficulty has been experienced in reaching out to tribal entities and migrant or refugee offices.
- The task force plans to distribute surveys via links and will track survey distribution and completion through an Excel spreadsheet.
- Task force members have been asked to provide community data from their organizations.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 21st, with the data distribution sheet due a week prior.

Meeting Notes:

Introduction and Attendance



- Meeting initiated by Dee Grimm and Robin Albrandt.

Task Force Survey Discussion

- Survey received only 9 responses, raising concerns about engagement and representation.
- No responses were from BIPOC, Hispanic, or English as a second language backgrounds.
- No representation in the healthcare direct services field or hospital assistance identified from the survey.
- Todd Holloway suggested encouraging more participation, especially from marginalized communities.

Future Plans and Strategies

- Task force plans to use national information from sources like census and social vulnerability index monitors, as well as conducting two community surveys.
- The stakeholder survey will ask questions relating to communication difficulties, accessibility needs, and other issues during emergencies.
- The provider survey targets healthcare systems that provide services to individuals with disabilities.
- Surveys will be distributed via links. Distribution list will be managed via an Excel spreadsheet.

Data Collection and Submission

- Task force members to provide community data from their respective organizations.
- Examples of data include hazard mitigation plans and reports on vulnerable populations within the community.
- The data distribution sheet is due a week before the next meeting, scheduled for March 21st.
- Data submission should include organization's name, contact person's first and last name, and email address.

Wrap Up and Pending Tasks

- Low participation in the survey emphasized. Distribution request to be sent out soon.
- Email reminder to fill out the distribution information to be crafted by Dee Grimm and Robin.
- Task force members encouraged to keep a specific lens while going through the homework and building on the task.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024 at the same time.

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